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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, CH, TH
SUBJECT: KRIANGSAK COMMENTS ON CHINA

1. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 6 AT THE HONG KONG FOREIGN CORRESPONSENTS CLUB FOLLOWING HIS CHINA TRIP, THAI PRIME MINISTER KRIANGSAK SPOKE WARMLY OF THE RECEPTION HE HAD RECEIVED IN CHINA, BUT MADE NO NEW DISCLOSURES ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH PRC LEADERS. HE SAID PRC LEADERS HAD REITERATED CHINA'S SUPPORT FOR ASEAN YALS OF PEACE, FREE-DOM AND NEUTRALITY AND CHINA'S DESIRE TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE. IT WAS EVIDENT FROM HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PRC ON THE QUESTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE INSURGENTS, HE HAD NOT MADE ANY HEADWAY WITH PEKING ON THE
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ISSUE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE CONSIDERED THE INSURGENCY AN INTERNAL CONCERN WHICH THE RTG COULD HANDLE WHILE PURSUING ITS GOAL OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NEIGHBORIMG COUNTRIES.

2. KRIANGSAK ADDED THAT CHINA HAD DISCLAIMED ANY INVOLVE-MENT IN THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER CONFLICT OR THE

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VIETNAMESE-CAMBODIAN FIGHTING. HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THE CONTINUING BORDER CLASHES WITH CAMBODIA COULD BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY AND LOOKED FORWARD TO FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PHNOM PENH SOON.

3. THE ONLY DIRECT MENTION OF THE U.S. OR USSR WAS WHEN IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON U.S. AND USSR POLICY TOWARD SEA, KRIANGSAK MERELY SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO VISIT BOTH, BUT "HE WHO FIRST INVITES WILL FIRST RECEIVE."

4. THERE FOLLOW CHINA-RELATED EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH. TEXT OF SPEECH WILL BE POUCHED TO EA/TB AND BANGKOK. BEGIN TEXT:
-- WHEN I ASSUMED MY PRESENT OFFICE, I PLEDGED TO THE THAI PEOPLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ESTABLISH GOOD AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS. WE ARE DOING SO WITH THE INDOCHINA COUNTRIES. AS FOR CHINA, SHE IS A MAJOR POWER SITUATED CLOSEST TO THAILAND. THE THAI AND CHINESE PEOPLES HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER FOR CENTURIES. OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NEVERRBEEN AT WAR WITH ONE ANOTHER. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHARE SIMILAR INTERESTS IN THE REGION. TRADE AND COOPERATION CAN LEAD TO BENEFITS FOR BOTH SIDES. FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS IMPORTANT TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE
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REGION AS A WHOLE. THIS IS IKALIVQ E TO CHINA.
-- DURING OUR VISIT IN CHINA, WE WERE MOVED BY THE VERY WARM RECEPTION WHICH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE EXTENDED TO US EVERYWHERE WE WENT. I AM GRATIFIED THAT OUR VISIT HAS MET WITH SUCCESS. I HAVE HELD FRANK AND SINCERE TALKS WITH CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. VICE-PREMIER TENG SAID TO ME, LET US TALK LIKE SOLDIERS. I AGREED. WE WERE STRAIGHT-FORWARD. WE EXCHANGED VIEWS ON CURRENT WORLD DEVELOPMENTY, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES CONCERNING THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION, AS WELL AS BILATERAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.
-- THE CHINESE LEADERS EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF THAILAND, ESPECIALLY OUR POLICY TO BE FRIENDS WITH ALL COUNTRIES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES, BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. IN PARTICULAR, THE CHINESE LEADERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THAILAND'S MOVES TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE THREE INDORZHINA COUNTRIES. THEY EXPRESSED THEIR DESIRE TO SEE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION. AS I HAVE SAID, CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND VICE-PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING

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REAFFIRMED THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S SUPPORT
FOR THE AIMS AND PURPOSES OF ASEAN, INCLUDING THE ASEAN
CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING SOUTHEAST ASIA AS A ZONE OF
PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY. THEY ALSO SAID CHINA
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE NORMAL RELATIONS WITH ALL FIVE
ASEAN COUNTRIES. THEY ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO THE OTHER
ASEAN LEADERS THE FIRM POSITION OF CHINA WITH REGARD
TO ASEAN AND ITS ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY,
AS WELL AS TO NSKE KNOWN TO A WISER PUBLIC CHINA'S
STANDS ON THESE MATTERS. TO CONTINUE OUR TALKS AND
CONSOLIDATE THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUMTRIES, I
INCITED BOTH CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND VICE-PREMIER TENG
HSIAO-PING, AS WELL AS OTHER CHINESE LEADERS, TO VISIT
THAILAND. WE ARE HONOURED THAT THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THE
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INVITATION AND WILL TRY TO COME TO VISIT US WITHIN THIS
YEAR.
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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

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-- AS YOU MAY KNOW, DURING THE VISIT, THE THAI AND CHINESE SIDES SIGNED TWO AGREEMENTS---A TRADE AGREEMENT, AND AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. THESE AGREEMENTS SET OUT THE BROAD FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. IN THE TRADE AGREEMENT, THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO EXPAND TRADE RELATIONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUA
ITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT. THE AGREEMENT LISTS ITEMS TO BE ENCOURAGED FOR EXPORT FROM CHINA TO THAILAND,
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SUCH AS PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS, MACHINERY, METAL PRODUCTS, AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE. THERE IS ALSO A LIST OF ITEMS TO BE ENCOURAGED FOR EXPORT FROM THAILAND TO CHINA. IT INCLUDES SUGAR, RUBBER AND RUBBER PRODUCTS, MAIZE, KENAF, CHEMICAL FIBRE AND FABRICS, MEDICINAL HERBS, TAPIOCA PRODUCTS, TOBACCO AND MUNG BEANS. THIS IS ONLY ON INDICATIVE LIST TO BEGIN WITH. OTHER TIEMS WILL BE INCLUDED LATER ON. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM GLAD TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO KINDLY OFFERED TO SELL A CERTAIN QUANTITY OF CRUDE OIL TO MEET OUR DOMESTIC NEEDS AT A RATHER FAVORABLE PRICE.
-- UNDER THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE TWO SIDES WILL EXCHANGE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FOR THE STUDY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL EXPERIENCES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OR FOR SPECIALIZED TRAINING; THERE WILL BE TRANSFERS OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPEREIENCES AND MUTUAL SUPPLY OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL DATA AS WELL AS SMALL QUANTITIES OF SEEDS, SEEDLINGS AND SPECIMENS FOR EXPERIMENTS.
-- THESE AGREEMENTS PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. OUR OFFICIALS WILL MEET REGULARLY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS IN DETAIL AND A JOINT COMMITTEE FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY BE SET UP. I BELIEVE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN STRENGTHENED BUT HAVE TAKEN A CONCRETE STEP FORWARD.
-- DURING THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, THE CHINESE SIDE ALSO REAFFIRMED THE POLICY OF THE PEOPLE'S

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PREMIER TENG SAID THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC ABIDED BY THE
THREE PRINCIPLES THAT 1) OVERSEAS CHINESE SHOULD
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ADOPT THE NATIONALITY OF THE COUNTRY OF THEIR RESIDENCE
2) IF THEY ARE NOT WILLING OR UNABLE TO DO SO, THEY
SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE LOCAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS,
AND 3) THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT, AND WILL NOT,
RECOGNIZE DUAL NATIONALITY.
-- IN OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, THAILAND AND THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGREED THAT WE HAD MORE THINGS IN
COMMON THAN THINGS THAT SEPARATE US. WE REAFFIRMED
THE INTENTIONS OF BOTH SIDES TO CONDUCT RELATIONS ON
THE BASIS OF THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF PEACFUL CO-
EXISTENCE, NAMELY RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE,
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTEGDAL
AFFAIRS OF EACH OTHER, AND EQUALITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT.
WE ALSO RECOGNIZED THAT EVERY COUNTRY HAS TO FIND
ITS OWN APPROACHES TO MEET THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
NEEDS OF ITS PEOPLES.
-- I TRULY ADMIRE THE DETERMINATION OF THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT TO BUILD A VIBRANT AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY
FOR THE CHINESE PEOPLE. I SAW, AND WAS IMPRESSED,
BY THE GREAT STRIDES THAT ARE BEING MADE IN ALL FIELDS
TO FULLY MODERNIZE THE COUNTRY. I BELIEVE THAT CHINA
IS A PEACE-LOVING COUNTRY WHICH SEEKS TO FOSTER PEACE
AND PROSPERITY NOT ONLY FOR CHINA BUT FOR THE WORLD AT
LARGE.
-- I AM CONFIDENT THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS VISIT, THE
HORIZONTAL BASE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THAILAND AND
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS BEEN EXPANDED AND
CONSOLIDATED. NOW WE SHALL SEEK TO PROCEED TO BUILD
PERMANENT VERTICAL STRUCTURES IN THE FORM OF CONCRETE
AND SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES AND JOINT EFFORTS. I
STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT COOPERATION AND GOOD UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THAILAND AND CHINA WILL BENEFIT NOT ONLY THE
TWO COUNTRIES, BUT WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO THE PEACE AND
STABILITY OF THE REGION AS A WHOLE. END TEXT.
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